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I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor  
East of Liberty Avenue  
Morris  
Grundy County  
Illinois

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Location: I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor  
East of Liberty Avenue  
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UTM: 16. E.381000 N. 4579920  
Quad: Morris

Date of Construction: 1905-1907

Builder: Rock Island Railroad

Present Owner: Unknown

Present Status: Abandoned

Significance: One of several stations built around 1905 by the Rock Island Railroad, the Morris Passenger Station has distinctive hipped roof and dormer.

Project Information: The Illinois and Michigan Canal was designated a National Heritage Corridor in 1984. The following year HABS/HAER embarked on an extensive inventory and documentation project of the 100 mile-long corridor. Field work for this project was concluded in 1988. Final editing of the documentation was completed in 1992.

Historians: Timothy Whittaker and David Kelliher, 1986.

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In the early 1900s the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad constructed several new passenger stations between LaSalle and Chicago, including this one in Morris. These stations had intersecting gable or hipped roofs with projecting eaves, decorative woodwork, and brick and stone masonry. The Rock Island passenger station in Morris was erected about 1905 and replaced a wood-frame station built in the early 1890s. Presently, the building is abandoned.

The Morris Passenger Station is a one-and-one-half-story brick building with an impressive hipped roof and gable-roof dormer. It measures approximately 75' x 25' and features a tapered rock-faced brick skirting and a red sandstone string-course above which extends a common-bond, red-brick exterior. The window sills are of red sandstone and steel angle sections faced with brick form the lintels. The wide projecting eaves of the roof are supported by ornate wooden brackets which in turn rest on red-sandstone corbels. A central bay on the north side is flanked by doors which open onto the passenger platform.

**SOURCES:**

Sanborn Map Co., Morris, Illinois (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1888, 1891, 1898, 1907, 1913, 1925).